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ARRL Headquarters
Newington, Ct.

Gentlemen:
This will notify you of the passing of TRAVIS BAIRD, W9VQD, on Jan. 24th, 1996, at his home in Milwaukee, Wi. Travis had been ill for some time with complications froma stroke, and wasresting at home after release from the hospital.
He was a 50 year member of ARRL, was very active in QCWA, as a past Director, and was a long time member of NAVY MARS, as NNNOENB
He was a long-time member of the Milwaukee Radio Amateurs Club, having been active since 1932, and had participated in organizing ARRL conventions in Miwlaukee.
I am enclosing a copy of his obituary from the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel as insurance against any confusion.

73,

Jan. 26, 1996

FRED A. LINN
Secretary

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Ralph:
The dates of the 1996 Field Day event have just been announced as the last weekend in June (28th & 29th). I thought it best to check with you to see if there is any objection to our using the same site as last year. This is confined to the field East of the depot where we set up antennas entirely independent of existing structures, and do not use any commercial power. Our gear is battery powered, or else generator assisted.

In the past we have rented our own portable toilet and wash stand so as to hold the Society free from expense. This event has drawn a crowd exhibiting a healthy interest,and it is usually the spill over from the depot, coming over to watch the festivities. We also gain publicity from coverage in the Press and the News Graphic.

I am not able to state definitely that the SE section of fence will be re-installed by that time as this depends entirely upon the delivery of the caboose and the set-up of the order board. If you wish, we can mount a patrol to maintain supervision, so that non-paying customers will be kept out, and re-routed to the Trading Post for admission.

I will be present generally throughout the event, and will be there at the set up and tear-down, for sure.We furnish our own food, and do our own cooking (if any). We will have several of the club officers present throughout the entire weekend, to assure order and an orderly "police" of the area. Our vehicles will be kept clear of the parking area for customers, and there will, of course be no liquor served or permitted.

We have used the site 3 times before, and all are familiar with its location and organization. It is one of the best sites in this portion of the county for radio work, as it is level, dry, and one of the highest spots in the surrounding territory.

We have received excellent co-operation from the club, and they have reciprocated by rebuilding the teletype machines, now located in the agent's office of the depot. These constitute an authentic display of the period in the development of RR communications, and are in operating condition.

We are looking forward to this annual event,and hope that it will

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meet with Board approval.

Feb. 10, 1996

Cordially,

FRED A. LINN
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Milw, Wi. ~~53201~~ 53225

ARRL Hq.
Newington, Ct., 06111

Attn: Richard Palm, K1CE, Field Services Mgr.

Enclosed find our 1996 Club Report, as requested. Our Club Officer transition report will be corrected & forwarded immediately after our spring election of Officers & Directors.

Our program of rehabilitation of the MRAC is proceeding on schedule, with the upgrading of our repeater, W9RH, improvement of our site for Field Days and Special Events, and the revised issue of our Club Roster, with an updated membership listing.

Our school is continuing, and our VEC has new management, due the retirement of our former manager. We have been providing test personnel to the various hamfests in the area, experiencing a good turnout and a creditable pass/fail ratio.

We have been in close touch with Richard Regent over the past several years, keeping him informed of our progress and future plans.

I am enclosing several examples of material prepared to inform and instruct our members, students, and prospective joiners.We have completed our By-Laws modifications and are now operating under their aegis.

Cordially,

Feb. 20, 1996

FRED A. LINN W9NZF
Secretary

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American Radio Relay League
225 Main St., Newington, Ct. 0611
Attn: Richard Palm, Field Service

I am enclosing your file card with the requested information, as this was omitted from our mailing of the Annual Report, and I felt you might want it.

These data will change as of June 1996, as our Spring elections will replace some Officers and Directors. I will submit a new Officer transition sheet after the results are known.

73,

Feb. 23, 1996

FRED A. LINN W9NZF
Secretary

BY FAX
3 PAGES

Ed:

I thought that if you think the "troops" can stand another talk on cryptography, I would be willing to give a detailed account of the Enigma and its use (sample copy herewith).

I would also produce some slides for an overhead projector, or if we can, a videotape, to supplement the spoken word. I wish I could get my hands on a machine, but the only ones which are loose are in private collections, and are worth their weight in wildcats.

I do not believe that there is enough space in the Chatter to permit an adequate explanation of the subject, and there would be too many questions which would be hard to answer.

This would take some time to produce, so I would need a bit of lead time. Also, I can rely somewhat on the AWA, as Bruce Kelley has alredy volunteered that kind of help-I don't know to what extent his "help" would be, but I will contact him for an outline if we decide to go ahead.

ETAOINSHRDLU,

March 17, 1996

Signature is cipher for: Faith and begorrah! on St. Pat's Day.

Hi!

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Ed:
Today I inventoried the General Radio test equipment at Travis' as we are pretty well cleaned up in the junk department. I am enclosing a list for your edification!
It all seems to be in fairly good shape, and shows no sign of tampering or alteration. Some of it is quite old-some newer, but it all seems to be fairly handy stuff if you have room for it.
From now on, Roger and I will be taking the newer stuff out of the racks and checking it out for operation. I have a guy interested in the tower and he will take it down.I took pictures of it today, and will mail them to him tomorrow.
I also discovered that there is still more stuff in the attic, and it is light enough to allow us to carry it down. We will be cleaning the stuff up, setting it up, and tagging it. We are getting prices from Neil, John Peterman, and the Yellow Sheets to establish fair selling prices.
The guy moved the big saw out, he took the disc sander and the band saw, and also picked up the tools that go with them.
The big bulk of the remaining items are transformers of all sorts, old capacitors, and lots of parts for building home brew stuff. Too much to bring to the meetings. We have lots of stuff set aside for meeting raffles...some of it looks pretty good if we have any dyed-in-the-wool home brewers.
So we will be ready to sell during the spring if all goes well. We will be glad to get this off of our back...almost a year now!
We have sold a lot of stuff to Neil...particularly old magazines-they can be a pain in the posterior if you try to advertize them, pack and ship them, haggle about the price, and then not net enough to make the whole thing worth while...Neil has co-operated very nicely, and has been very accommodating throughout this entire proceding.
Well, that's it for now, and we can discuss the equipment at a later date, as I'm sure that no one else is going to rush in & snap it up!

Cordially,

April 10, 1996

Fred W9NZF

PS: There is lots of Bird stuff locked up in the gray steel cabinet, along with Collins gear, and other "pricey" equipment.

FAL

Dear Fred, 4/23/96

Just wanted to send you a quick note to thank you once again for all your efforts to find radio parts for the airplane project. My son Bill and I are slowly repainting the radio's and restoring the ones that can actually be used. The other non-used radio's are restored on the outside only so when you go into the plane, it looks exactly as it did 50 years ago. We are still missing some major pieces but it's coming along very nicely.

You had mentioned at the Saturday breakfast that you needed help to move a large stone for the museum. Do you still need our help? Is there something we can do to help you in some way to repay you for taking the time to find and bring us all the radio's. Would it help if we came with a truck and trailer to help you move to your condo or move some heavy stuff for you at Travis' house.

If I'm elected secretary at the club, I hope that you will have a little time to help me get started and show me what my responsibilities will be.

Again thanks for everything!

Jim and Bill Tromblay

Jim
WB9LNU

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Jim:
Received yours of 4/23, and you are certainly welcome. Roger & I have enjoyed finding the parts to make the machine fly, and we are glad that no one was in there to junk the stuff. I guess you have had to have"been there and done that",in order to be a qualified junker. In the 30's we got most of our radio parts out of old junk sets we found in the alleys of Chicago.
We are trying to get a large round stone moved from its place of rest up to the Village. It weighs about 1800 lbs., and is presently resting at a farm up on old hwy 143 (towards West Bend). We have to build a mount for it before we move it, as when we set it down, it has to be on the mount, or we'll never get it up off of the grass! I'll let you know when all systems are GO, later on in the spring/summer.
If you are elected Sec'y, I'll be delighted to assist in any way I can. You will also inherit a 2 drawer file with some records in it. It is handy, and not very large/heavy. (It will also make more room in the shack)!
The general duties are outlined in the By-Laws, I believe (Art. 5, Officers, page 2). I have made a practice of sending a FAX to the President, after I have completed the final version of the minutes. Also, of any other pertinent info which I feel might help him in the discharge of his duties.
The Sec'y.is called upon to perform other non-secretarial duties as may be assigned from time-to-time.
(It ain't a hard job, but I find it is best to write up minutes while the meeting is fresh in my mind (getting shorter every day), hi! I record the meeting, but since about 50% of the Directors seem to feel that it is necessary to speak simultaneously (ORV?) the recorder gets confused, and if it weren't for my handwritten notes, I'd be lost.
Anyway, we can iron all that out when we get to it.
I'll let you know when we want to move the rock...tnx agn, Jim.

April 26, 1996

73,
W9NZF

Club Members important that you read this bulletin !

*****ARRL New England Division Special Bulletin 96-9A*****
QST ALL Amateurs
May, 1996
Strafford, VT

NEW ENGLAND DIVISION DIRECTOR
Bill Burden - Webbier
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NEW ENGLAND DIVISION VICE DIRECTOR
Warren Rothberg WB1HHB
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********** **2 meter AND 70 cm BANDS THREATENED** **********

THIS IS NO JOKE!! ARRL HAS LEARNED THAT IN PREPARATION FOR THE WORLD CONFERENCE IN 1997, REPRESENTATIVES OF THE LOW-EARTH ORBIT (LEO) INDUSTRY PROPOSED A LIST OF CANDIDATE FREQUENCY BANDS FOR REALLOCATION TO, AND EXCLUSIVE USE OF THE MOBILE SATELLITE SERVICE. THIS LIST INCLUDES 144-148 MHz (THE CURRENT AMATEUR 2 M BAND) AND 420-450 MHz (THE CURRENT AMATEUR 70 CM BAND)!

IF THIS EFFORT WERE TO BE SUCCESSFUL, IT WOULD MEAN THE END OF AMATEUR OPERATIONS ON THESE TWO MOST HEAVILY UTILIZED AMATEUR VHF/UHF BANDS!

I have included the text of Dave Sumner's upcoming editorial for July QST in this bulletin. ARRL, as the principal representative of Amateur Radio in Washington, is actively pursuing this issue as this bulletin is being written. Dave's call to action is serious!! We could lose these bands if we do not take action now!!

Club presidents and newsletter editors: please make this information available to your membership as soon as possible.

Follows the text of Dave Sumner's July QST editorial:

WRITE NOW!!!!

Get out a pen and paper, or boot up your computer. There's work to be done! Your help is needed to defend two meters and 70 cm. Yes, that's right — the two most popular and crowded amateur VHF/UHF bands! But don't panic, and don't "go ballistic."

Here's what's happening, and what you can do about it.

The United States is preparing for the 1997 ITU World Radiocommunication Conference, WRC-97. In the past, the public has been able to participate in the preparations for such conferences by responding to FCC Notices of Inquiry. In March, the FCC announced a streamlining of its International Bureau's preparatory processes for WRCs. Under the new scheme, the NOIs have been eliminated in favor of increased emphasis on WRC Advisory Committees.

For WRC-97, a series of Informal Working Groups (IWGs) of the Advisory Committee has been created to address specific agenda items. The output of each IWG will go directly to a joint FCC-NTIA-Department of State Steering Committee of the Advisory Committee. There, draft proposals as received from the IWGs will be reviewed and forwarded to the FCC for possible release as preliminary U.S. proposals for public comment.

In announcing the streamlined WRC preparatory process, the FCC tried to reassure those who might be concerned about reduced opportunities for public participation: "Interested parties should note that input to the Advisory Committee may be sent at any time directly to the Chair of the WRC-97 Advisory Committee; the Chairs of the Advisory Committee's Informal Working Groups; Cecily C. Holiday, the FCC's federal officer of the WRC-97 Advisory Committee. or C. Ladson, the alternate federal officer."

Hold that thought while we shift gears to the substance of the issue.

One of the WRC-97 agenda items includes consideration of possible additional frequency allocations for the mobile-satellite service. So-called "little LEOs," low-earth orbit satellites below 1 GHz, already have allocations. Their proponents claim these are inadequate and are trying for more. The needs of little Leos are being addressed in IWG-2A, chaired by Warren Richards of the Department of State. The ARRL technical relations staff participates in IWG-2A to represent Amateur Radio interests.

At the May 7 IWG-2A meeting, an industry representative proposed a list of "candidate bands" for little LEOs. The list includes a number of bands that would negatively impact existing services, and does not include others that would be technically more feasible but to which strong objection from incumbents could be expected — the point being that some political, rather than purely technical, judgment already has influenced the list.

Incredibly, 144-148 and 420-450 MHz were included on the list.

We do not need to explain to ARRL members the extensive use that is made of these bands by amateurs. The two bands provide the backbone of our local public service communications effort. Voice and data, mobile and fixed, even television — the list of present amateur uses is a long one, and of future uses is even longer. Both are already used for satellite services and for moonbounce and extended-range terrestrial operations requiring extremely sensitive receivers and high levels of effective radiated power.

Apparently we did need to explain all this to the little LEO industry representatives, so we did just that — both at the meeting and in a letter on May 15. We also explained that we had to regard the matter as extremely serious. No one with the slightest background in radio communication could possibly believe that a mobile-satellite service could be introduced into either band without disrupting existing and future amateur operations. Therefore, we said, if we did not receive assurance that they would be taken off the list of candidate bands by the deadline for this issue of QST, we would have no choice but to bring the matter to the attention of the entire membership.

The response we received was unsatisfactory. In effect, we were told the little LEO industry would consider our views but that until their spectrum needs are satisfied, all bands must remain under consideration.

So, this is a call to action. We must get across to the industry and government participants in IWG-2A that the 144-148 MHz and 420-450 MHz bands cannot be considered as candidates for mobile-satellite services. We need to drive the point home so forcefully, with so many grassroots responses, that no one is ever tempted to try this again.

Which brings us back to that invitation for "interested parties" to send input "at any time." There's no time like the present! Here are the key addresses, including those of the mobile-satellite industry folks who seem to have started the ruckus:

Cecily C. Holiday, International Bureau, FCC, Washington, DC 20554; choliday@fcc.gov; FAX (202) 418-0748.

Warren G. Richards, Chair, IWG-@A, Department of State, CIP 2529, Washington, DC 20520; richardswg@ms6820wpoa.us-state.gov;FAX (202) 647-7407.

Tracey Weisler, FCC Rep., IWG-2A, International Bureau, FCC, Washington, DC 20554; tweisler@fcc.gov; FAX (202) 418-282224.

Mary Kay Williams, Final Analysis, Inc., 7500 Greenway Center, Ste. 1240, Greenbelt, MD 20770; FAX (301) 474-3228.

Leslie Taylor, LTA, 6800 Carlynn Court, Bethesda, MD 20817; ltaylor@lta.com; FAX (301) 229-3148.

Do comment. But be civil. Don't abuse people who are simply doing their jobs. We have to get across that casting covetous eyes on amateur bands is counter productive, and contrary to the public interest. To accomplish this we need a lot of comments, including yours. But remember that the objective is to educate and persuade, not to intimidate. We don't need to. The facts are on our side.

To monitor the FCC's ongoing WRC-97 preparations, visit its WRC-97 home page at: http://www.fcc.gov/ib/wrc97/.

Write now. right now! — David Sumner, K1ZZ

Reprint of the "URGENT ARRL NEDIV BULLETIN" as retrieved from Internet by Dave Knaus, WA9POV and forwarded to Less, W9YCV.

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Will Koeller, Mgr. Tech. Oper., WTMJ-TV
720 E. Capitol Dr., Milw., Wi 53212

Dear Will:

The MRAC would like to express their appreciation for your hospitality in hosting our Annual Meeting at your studios, and for taking our members and guests on an extended tour of your facilities. Needless to say, the equipment, the procedures, and the programming precision were impressive, as the majority of our members had never visualized the amount of effort which goes into your every-day broadcasting.

Every phase of the broadcasting process,from microphone to antenna was exhibited/demonstrated, and our guides were very capable as tour leaders as well as engineers. A few of us who have previously worked in broadcasting had a basic knowledge of the intricacy of successful programming, but for the younger members, it was a revalation.

Our meeting went off on schedule, made a little more lengthy due to our Annual meeting requirements, and our election of Officers and Directors. Your accomodations and the time which you spent on our behalf were outstanding, and made a great impression on the club membership.

Thank you again for your consideration and courtesy.

June 4, 1996

Cordially,

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American Radio Relay League, Inc.
225 Main St., Newington, Ct. 06111
Attn: Richard Palm, Field Service

Gentlemen:

In accordance with our last report on the Board of Directors status in the MRAC, the following Officer & Directors' slate was elected at our annual meeting (June), and is as follows:

President	: Edward Wille,	W9PWG
1st Vice President	: Dave Defebo,	WB9BWP
2d " "	: Kate Kedney	KA9MWT
Secretary	: James Tromblay,	WB9LNU
Treasurer	: Kenneth Eggert,	W9MOT

Directors:	Carlos Barron	KG9FC	(Newly elected)
	Fred Linn	W9NZF	(Re-elected)
	Roger Zaun	W9UVV	(")
			(Holdovers)
	Pancho Doneis	KA9OFA	
	Richard Schlatterer	KA9MTY	
	Jerry Thompson	W9SFH	

Our election was held at the studios of WTMJ-TV, upon completion of a very interesting tour. Several of our older members have served in various engineering or consulting positions in the broadcast industry, and the tours were very instructive for the newer (and younger) members.

Our new Secretary is James Tromblay, WB9LNU, who may be reached through our PO Box 25707, Milw., Wi., 53225, or our FAX No. 414-461-7730-(24 hrs/day). He is also the Club Historian, having served in this capacity for several years.

Our Field Day event will be held at the Pioneer Village in Saukville, Wi., site of our new caboose installation in front of the restored RR depot. We will be using our regular club call sign, W9RH, on as many bands as we can muster.

Thank you for your courtesies and past services.

Cordially,

Fred A. Linn

FRED A. LINN, W9NZF
Director

June 5, 1996
cc: R. Regent, SCM
E. Wille (FAX)
J. Tromblay

AMERICAN RADIO RELAY LEAGUE

FIELD SERVICES DEPARTMENT

CLUB OFFICER TRANSITION

Dear Club Members:

It is crucial to the continued success of your League-affiliated club that when club officers change, appropriate notifications are filed and club records are passed along or otherwise maintained. Here's a handy check-off list to use when a new club officer, such as the president, is installed. A few blank spaces are provided at the end of this form for you to use in adding your own special items.

NOTE: NEW OFFICERS & DIRECTORS WILL BE ELECTED IN THE SPRING

__ 1. **Notify ARRL HQ** immediately of all new club officers. (This is critical so that important news and other items from HQ are sent to the correct club officers.)

(THIS WILL BE COMPLETED IMMEDIATELY AFTER OUR SPRING ELECTIONS.)

Yes 2. **Notify your Division Director, Section Manager, and Affiliated Club Coordinator**, and state agencies, if applicable.

Yes 3. Is current **annual report** on file with ARRL HQ?

D/A 4. If club is an SSC, is **SSC status** current?

Yes 5. Are **official club papers** secure?

OK Certificate and Articles of incorporation.

OK Articles of Association, By-Laws.

OK Corporate seal.

OK Non-profit status documentation.

OK State and Federal tax i-d numbers.

OK List of documents to be filed with IRS, and copies of those filed by club.

OK Insurance policies: liability, equipment.

Yes Are they current?

Yes Post office bulk mailing permit

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ARRL Hq.
225 Main St., Newington, Ct., 06111
Attn: Richard Palm, Field Service

This will notify you of a change in Secretary for the Milwaukee Rado Amateurs Club, as of our June meeting. (ARRL has been notified of our recent election of Officers & Directors).

ARRL has been sending us a print-out of names of newly licensed hams in the Milwaukee area which has been very helpful.Please take my name off of the list, and instead, send it to the attention of James Tromblay, WB9LNU, our new Sec'y :

MILWAUKEE RADIO AMATEURS CLUB
James Tromblay, Sec'y.
P.O. Box 25707
Milw., Wi.
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Thank you very much for your attention in this matter.

June 18, 1996

Cordially,
FRED A. LINN
Director

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Jim:
I have concluded my cleaning of the files, have categorized them, and sorted them by date. I have also put the remainder of the BY-Laws copies in the bottom drawer in case we need to pass out any more.
When I first took up the duties as Secretary, I discovered that THERE ~~that~~ wasn't a description of his duties. I asked Ted about it, and he said to make up my own list!

I did, and am sending you a copy of the letter I wrote to ED, with which he agreed, adding that he might give me some more to do! As you look thru the folder, you will find copies of an ARRL Annual report-also a report to be made to Wisconsin. From time to time, I keep the ARRL SCM informed, (mostly when I want some publicity).

Also, on timely occasions, I write something for the Smoke Signals. It doesn't always make the paper, but usually they can fit it in.

Of course, the Sec'y takes and keeps minutes of all meetings (I have sorted them out by date and category) and they are in jackets. I have put lots of spare jackets in the bottom drawer, but do not have any new hanging pockets.

I also write letters and always answer any which are received. I do not Supervise the PO Box, mostly due my geographical position, and also as I don't have a key.

When I took office, the Sec'y accepted dues, recorded the receipt, and delivered it to the Treasurer (sometimes to the bank!). That was Ted's idea, FAR OUT! I put a stop to that, as I was not bonded, nor was I responsible for funds.

I found that recording the meetings was a necessary adjunct to reproducing the minutes. There was usually so much chatter, that I had to review the record more than once-so I started to make notes along with the recorded record. BIG SUGGESTION-see if something can be done to shut up some of the inveterate talkers, and you'll find it easier to transcribe. With such a high level of cross talk, the hearing aid may give you trouble.

I don't know who has the seal-I think Ed-good place! I never did anything about the roster, as that is a job in itself, just like the Chatter. Between the Roster, Chatter, and dues, they are taken care of in the right place at present. I have maintained the bulletin board duty, and if you wish, I will continue it, as it is just another thing for the Sec'y. to carry downstairs!

I always send copies of anything I write to Ed by FAX, and send him copies of incoming information if I feel it would be of interest to him, or is something "Presidential" for his attention.

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I get a printout from ARRL, with all the names of newly licensed hams in the Milwaukee area. I have been writing them letters, congratulating them, and pushing the club. I haven't kept track of how many of them joined.Probably not many,but I think it would be a good idea to keep it up for a while.I have notified ARRL to send it to you instead of to me,but they sometimes don't do what we ask!

Since our recent tiff with them over the special event notice, and your history, they seem to be paying more attention, and I am on speaking terms with Rosalie-she seems co-operative.

I think that someone mentioned getting job descriptions into print, and I think somewhere in the files, I did that for the repeater organization. If you don't find the old copies, I would be happy to help you create a library of descriptions-probably the old ones are badly out-of-date!

That is about it, Jim, except for special assignments I would get from "Hizzoner" the Pres., from time to time-none of which were particulary difficult or time consuming. Also, Roger and I kept each other up to date, and did some things on our own initiative-worked rather well.

Any time you need help on anything Jim, call me, as I would be happy to help.

Cordially,

Fred

June 22, 1996

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Lew:
I received the QCWA Journal today, and read your comments on the subject of dropping CW requirements-I was both dismayed and angry. I agree that the CW portions will be curtailed, and/or eliminated, if such a thing comes to pass.

I have just participated in Field Day with the Milwaukee Radio Amateurs. I have been their Sec'y. for quite awhile, and we have spent the last 4 years rehabilitating MRAC.We are a VEC and operate the MRAC radio school, wherein we teach CW as well as theory. While we do not actively discourage"Codeless Tech."approaches to licensing, we do emphasize that if you must go that route, continue CW practice.

We have just finished cleaning up the estate of Travis Baird, W9VQD who has been a long-term member of QCWA, and a member of MRAC since 1932. He was also a Director of QCWA, prior to his last stroke.

I feel that taking a poll of the membership is excellent procedure, and I would encourage you to "push it".

After my first license, granted in 1933,I have been on CW almost continuously, spent the period 1938-46 in the Signal Corps, starting at Ft. Monmouth, as Radio Officer,1st Signal Co., 1st Inf.Div., and winding up as Division Signal Officer of the 9th Armd Div. We ran radio schools continuously in various organizations and, of course, taught CW.

I am sending sending a copy of this letter to Ed Wille, W9PWG, our President of MRAC, with a suggestion that we poll our group on the subject.Whether decided in favor or not, I will send you a copy of the result. Hopefully, it will be encouraging.

Thank you, Lew, for taking the stand that you have, and although I might not make it to 1999, I'd at least like to try to help.

Cordially,

June 22, 1996
cc: W9PWG

FRED A. LINN
(QCWA #3926-Life)

President's Message

Lew McCoy, W1ICP

Your Board of Directors met in San Antonio in April for the annual spring board meeting. We had a very good meeting and many important points were discussed. One item that was decided was that the annual QSO parties would be combined for 1997, our 50th anniversary. You will see new rules for this event because in this party/contest, QCWA is inviting any amateur in the world to participate. We expect a very large turnout because this means non-members can take part. Details for the rules will be upcoming soon. Elsewhere in this is issue you will find the minutes of our board meeting.

You'll also find a notice printed at the end of this message that regards the removal of code licensing requirements. Amateur radio is heading for considerable turmoil and we wish to establish our position as early as possible. All of you, I am sure, have heard that Morse code has been dropped from most of the military and maritime services and there has been a move afoot to drop it from amateur radio. This action will certainly come up at the international conference in 1999. Some of us feel that dropping the code requirement or knowledge will certainly lead to the eventual dropping or severe shortening of the CW band segments and we would dislike such action very much. I like to point out that with our 10,000 members plus, we have a minimum collective experience of 250,000 years! That, by any standard, is one heckuva a lot of experience.

Most of our members are also ARRL members and we like to support the League in their decisions. But there may come a point where QCWA will have to stand firm on what we believe is right. We have listened to some of the speeches made by some League officials and what they are saying is making some of us very nervous. Recently, at a large QCWA chapter meeting at the Marconi (Chapter 138) in New Jersey, a high ranking League officer addressed the group, primarily about the elimination of code at the 1999 conference. A vote was requested of the audience of those in favor of dropping the code. Not a single person voted in favor of dropping the code!!

If necessary, we will poll all of our members and hopefully, so will ARRL. Neither organization "represents" all of the American amateurs, we represent a very small percentage, but again, we have experience on our side. ARRL represents probably only one fifth of the American hams. Don't misunderstand what I am saying--I spent 32 years working at ARRL Headquarters, I am a life member and I strongly support nearly all of ARRL functions. Just let us hope they take the correct actions.

The election for your Board of Directors is coming up and you will be receiving ballots very soon. Please get out your last Journal and carefully study the list of candidates and then vote accordingly. We have fine candidates for this election and for myself, I am very pleased with the nominations made by your nominating committee.

I am not sure if this is my last message to you as your president--I may be able to write something in the fall issue. Jack Kelleher will be taking over on September 1st. I wish to thank the QCWA members for their support and also the officers and the Board of Directors. I know I am responsible for many changes in our operation and management and I think they were all for the good of the organization. QCWA has a very bright future and I am sure that the membership wants us to have a strong say in the future of amateur radio. W1ICP

Notice To All QCWA Members

As many of you have read or heard, we are approaching a crisis in amateur radio that will require action or a stand on the part of QCWA. This crisis is a decision on our collective position on NO-CODE HF licensing. The ARRL has formed a committee to study their position for the WRC 1999 convention. This committee will study and make changes in our licensing rules. Some of the information leaking out of this committee is disturbing. Some countries have already expressed desires to eliminate the Morse code requirements as part of amateur radio requirements to hold a license for HF operation. One high ranking League official has stated on several occasions that the majority of ARRL members desire to eliminate the code requirements. The majority of the QCWA Board of Directors do not agree with this premiss.

In conversations with QCWA directors and officers, I find that they are almost 100 percent opposed to the elimination of the code requirement. There is no doubt that there has been an elimination of the code from many services, such as our military and maritime services. But amateur radio is not part of the military of maritime service. We are our own service. The very history of amateur radio is directly related to the Morse code. And while a few amateurs have wanted the elimination of code, there has been no serious change in the American attitude for requiring code as part of our examinations.

We, the Board of Directors, need your input. QCWA cannot sit idly by and let amateur radio fall apart. There are several avenues open to us. Let us assume some scenarios that might help. Then we need to state our position to the FCC and do it repeatedly until the WRC 1999 affair.

At this point in time it is probably completely fruitless to attempt to keep a status quo. We don't think the FCC will take any action on code requirements until after 1999. But it is not time to sit back and wait. Let us have your feelings so we can set a policy--are you in favor of no code for HF, below 30 Mhz? Keep in mind one very simple fact or point, if we do away with code requirements can the loss of the cw band segments be far behind?

In any event, it is time for you members to sit down and give us your thoughts about this problem so we can act accordingly. We cannot just ignore the problem--we have countless years of experience--let us use this experience. And, from studying the public statments by some of the League high officials, we cannot trust them in their actions on this point. We know that your QCWA Board of Directors have strong feelings on this subject. Do you want to see the code eliminated? Please send your comments to Headquarters at Eugene, Oregon by October 1st. It only takes a stamp to let us know.

Lew McCoy, President, QCWA, Jack Kelleher, W4ZC, President Elect.

Federal Communications Commission

Office of the Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
Washington D.C. 20554

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" Advisory Committee Informal Working Group 2A "

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James W. Tromblay WB9LNU
Secretary

cc: Cicily C. Holiday
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Yes 6. Yes **Is Club station license** secure? (Is station license current?)
License is current and is on file with the Pres. and Repeater co-ordinator W9PWG

__ 7. YES Club **property inventory** accounted for? (Is inventory list current? Does list show location and custody responsibilities?)

No 8. Is inventory of materials in club **safe deposit box** current?
WE DO NOT HAVE A S/D BOX

Yes 9. List of all **bank accounts** and holdings. (Is list current and updated quarterly?)
filed with the Treasurer, W9MOT

Yes 10. Club **archives** (Are historical records, minutes, newsletters, photos, ledgers, and awards in safe, secure location?)
Maintained & filed with the Club Historian WB9LNU

Yes 11. **Contracts** and agreements in force. (Are they current? Are all associated papers present in appropriate file?)
(With Treasurer W9MOT

Yes 12. Is current information on **utilities** billed to the club (power, water, telephone), including billing addresses, on hand? With Tresurer

Yes 13. **Frequency coordination** correspondence. Is repeater pair assignment current?
Yes with co-ordinator, W9PWG

NO 14. Is **trademark** information, registration on hand and current? (A trademark refers to any distinguishing club features like a club logo).
(IN PROCESS)

Yes 15. Is **club post office box** current?
Box 25707, Milw., Wi. (53225) → Note change

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73's

Jim WB9LNU

Dear Roger, 7/8/96

Enclosed is a copy of the letter that you requested at our last club meeting. Please note on the bottom that copies were sent with cover letters to all people involved in this allocation process. Including the little LEO group directly.

I'm sure that I could have gone on and on about this problem, but I thought if the letter is too long, they will lose interest and put it aside. I hope they actually take time to read it and won't just berry it in a file like typical government bureaucracy usually does.

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Jim WB9LNU

Faxed to Pancho

Dated Material

Pancho's

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Jim

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Dear Fred, 7/9/96

On behalf of John Merkl and my self, we wish to thank you for letting us use the Pioneer Village RR Station again this year for Field Day. I have also been instructed by the other members of the board of directors to convey their thanks.

Our total contacts this year is a little lower than last year, but we still had a very nice time, thanks to you.

Please extend our thanks to Erv for his help with the CW. By the way, did he ever find the missing part to his transmitter? If not, I will take all the Field Day stuff out of the box to double check that it was not put in there by mistake.

I didn't get a chance to show you the Klienschmit RTTY machine. So I just left it on the desk. It is ready to run. The gray cable must be connected in series in the loop and it should operate. I checked it out here before I brought it to you.

Please extend our gratitude to the other members of the Pioneer RR group for the use of the station also.

On another subject, the FAX is now connected to the phone line, but I have to use it in a manual mode until I purchase a interface that will allow my computer modem, answer machine, wireless phones and extension phones to all be connected to the same line at the same time. I can send out a FAX and it works just fine. It is also nice to have copy capabilities.

I received all the letters you sent O.K. And made the necessary correspondence.

73's

Jim WB9LNU

Copy

Wauwatosa Savings Bank
7500 W. State St.
Wauwatosa, Wi. 53213

Lois A. Donovan

Re: Contact Person for the Milwaukee Radio Amateurs Club

Dear Lois Donovan,

During the month of June, the Milwaukee Radio Amateurs had our elections for new officers. This letter is to inform you of the results and the names of the new contact persons.

Our president, Ed Wille has been reelected. Our new Secretary is James W. Tromblay
W298S2727 Ridgewood Dr.
Waukesha, Wi. 53188-9534
1-968-2724

Any correspondence regarding our clubs use of your facilities should be forwarded to either Ed Wille or James Tromblay. We will take the responsibility from there to see to it that the correct people in our club are notified.

We wish to thank you for the use of your very fine facility.

Cordially,

James W. Tromblay

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"It Seems to Us..."

Write Now!

Get out a pen and paper, or boot up your computer. There's work to be done! Your help is needed to **defend two meters and 70 cm**. Yes, that's right—the two most popular and most crowded amateur VHF/UHF bands! But don't panic, and don't "go ballistic."

Here's what's happening, and what **you** can do about it.

The United States is preparing for the 1997 ITU World Radiocommunication Conference, WRC-97. In the past, the public has been able to participate in the preparations for such conferences by responding to FCC Notices of Inquiry. In March, the FCC announced a streamlining of its International Bureau's preparatory processes for WRCs. Under the new scheme, the NOIs have been eliminated in favor of increased emphasis on WRC Advisory Committees.

For WRC-97, a series of Informal Working Groups (IWGs) of the Advisory Committee has been created to address specific agenda items. The output of each IWG will go directly to a joint FCC-NTIA-Department of State Steering Committee of the Advisory Committee. There, draft proposals as received from the IWGs will be reviewed and forwarded to the FCC for possible release as preliminary US proposals for public comment.

In announcing the streamlined WRC preparatory process, the FCC tried to reassure those who might be concerned about reduced opportunities for public participation: "Interested parties should note that input to the Advisory Committee may be sent at any time...." A prepress version of this editorial, circulated far and wide by e-mail and packet radio, caused so much input to be generated—**more than 1,000 comments** in less than a week—that **the FCC had to modify its procedures** to cope with the deluge!

Hold that thought while we shift gears to the substance of the issue.

One of the WRC-97 agenda items includes consideration of possible additional frequency allocations for the mobile-satellite service. So-called "little LEOs," low-earth orbit satellites below 1 GHz, already have allocations. Their proponents claim these are inadequate and are trying for more. The needs of little LEOs are being addressed in IWG-2A, chaired by Warren Richards of the Department of State. The ARRL technical relations staff participates in IWG-2A to represent Amateur Radio interests.

At the May 7 IWG-2A meeting, an industry representative presented a list of "candidate bands" for little LEOs. The list included a number of bands that would negatively impact existing services, and does not include others that would appear to be technically more feasible but to which strong objection from incumbents could be expected — the point being that some political, rather than purely technical, judgment already has influenced the list. We have asked for, but to date have been given no explanation of why some bands were included and not others.

Incredibly, **144-148 and 420-450 MHz were included on the list!** This is the first time in memory that another service has been proposed for the two-meter amateur band. We must make sure it is also the **last** time.

We do not need to explain to ARRL members the extensive use that is made of these bands by amateurs. The two bands provide the backbone of our local public service communications effort. Voice and data, mobile and fixed, even television—the list of present amateur uses is a long one, and of future uses is even longer. Both are already used for satellite services and for moonbounce and extended-range terrestrial operations requiring extremely sensitive receivers and high levels of effective radiated power.

Apparently we **did** need to explain all this to the little LEO industry representatives, so we did just that—both at the meeting and in a followup letter on May 15. We also explained that we had to regard the matter as extremely serious. No one with the slightest background in radiocommunication could possibly believe that a mobile-satellite service could be introduced into either band without disrupting existing and future amateur operations. Therefore, we said, if we did not receive assurance that they would be taken off the list of candidate bands by the deadline for this issue of *QST*, we would have no choice but to bring the matter to the attention of the entire membership.

The response we received was unsatisfactory. In effect, we were told the little LEO industry would consider our views but that until their spectrum needs are satisfied, all bands must remain under consideration.

So, this is a **call to action**. We must get across to the industry and government participants in IWG-2A that the 144-148 MHz and 420-450 MHz bands **cannot** be considered as candidates for mobile-satellite services. We need to drive the point home so forcefully, with so many grassroots responses, that no one is **ever** tempted to try this again.

Which brings us back to that invitation for "interested parties" to send input "at any time." **There's no time like the present!** According to the Commission's new procedures, comments by e-mail should be sent to: **wrc97@fcc.gov**. Written comments, with an original plus one copy, should be sent to: Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, Washington, D.C. 20554. Each comment should include at the top, "Reference No. ISP-96-005" and "Advisory Committee Informal Working Group 2A." FCC staff assures us that comments will be given prompt consideration, and asks that parties refrain from filing comments in accordance with previous instructions.

Do comment. But be civil. **Don't** abuse people who are simply doing their jobs. We have to get across that casting covetous eyes on amateur bands is counterproductive, and contrary to the public interest. To accomplish this we need a **lot** of comments, including **yours**. But remember that the objective is to educate and persuade, **not** to intimidate. We don't need to. The facts are on our side.

For the latest news on this particular issue, check the ARRL Home page at **http://www.arrl.org/** and click on "Band Threat News." Then write. Right now!—*David Sumner, K1ZZ*

MRAC file copy

MILWAUKEE PUBLIC LIBRARY

To Organization Officers: Milwaukee Radio Amateurs Club Inc.

Some time ago, staff from the library contacted you for information about your organization's activities and services. The information supplied at that time was entered into the Community Information Database, and made available to all public libraries in Milwaukee County. This information will now be made more widely available to library users as well as to individuals who dial-in from home or office.

In an effort to insure that we provide accurate information, we periodically re-check each entry in the database. The attached copy shows the information we currently have on your organization. At this time we need to verify that this information is still correct and/or to obtain updated information.

Will you please review the enclosed and indicate on the copy what, if any, changes should be made. We would like the services description to be as concise as possible. Include any new services and be sure that services already listed are still offered as stated. New features of the database include FAX numbers and publications, if any. Information on handicapped accessibility is also important. Please send the corrected copy back to me at: Richard Swearingen
Mill Road Library
6431 N. 76th St.
Milwaukee, WI 53223

Or, if you prefer, you may call me at the library (286-3088) and give me the information by phone or FAX me the updated information at (286-8455).

Since we do need to assure the accuracy of the information we supply to the public, the entry for your organization should be verified or corrected as soon as possible. If we do not receive other instructions from you before Sept 27th, the entry will be removed from the Community Information Database. Your cooperation is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Richard Swearingen

Enclosure(s)

AGENCY	MILWAUKEE RADIO AMATEURS CLUB, INC.
ADDRESS	P.O. Box 25707-0707 Milwaukee, WI 53225.
PHONE	963-2724.
SERVICES	To the oldest continuously active such club in the world. Is affiliated with the American Radio Relay League. Meets at 7:30pm at Wauwatosa Savings and Loan, 7500 W. State St.; call for information about dates. Operates a training program to pass the FCC five grades of amateur licenses. Under contract with the FCC, conducts examinations for licenses. Sponsors the Herbert R. Marsing fund, which supplies the Milwaukee Public Library and other area libraries with books and magazines related to amateur radio.
ELIGIBLE	Interest in amateur radio as a hobby.
COST	$15 per year.
LAST UPDATED	96/08/01.
SUBJECT	RADIO.
	HOBBIES.
	CLUBS.

Old Version Copy

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Services	The oldest continuously active radio club in the world. (1917) Meets at 7:30 at Wauwatosa Savings Bank, 7500 W. State St. Call for information about dates and alternate meeting locations. Operates a training program for all five FCC grades of amateur licenses including Morse code. Sponsor for 1 out of 16 FCC volunteer examiner coordinators for the United States. Holds volunteer test sessions 3 times per month. Call 466-HAMS for testing dates and times.
Eligible	Anyone with an interest in amateur radio.
Cost	$15.00 per year - includes monthly news letter.
Last updated	96/09/15
Subject	Radio. Hobbies. Clubs.

New 9/15/96

MRAC Header.

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Dear Mr. David Sumner,

Enclosed is a check for $350.00 form your oldest continuously active affiliated club. For the ARRL Defence Fund of Amateur Radio Frequencies.

This is a joint donation from our members and our MRAC sponsored VEC, A-09 group.

Our club President and Board of Directors actively campaigned for this very good cause. We wish you every success in this fight.

Sincerely,

James W. Tromblay
WB9LNU

Secretary

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September 1996

Dear ARRL Member:

Telecommunications is experiencing a revolution on a scale not seen in generations. Amateur Radio is in danger, and the ARRL needs your help.

Think this is an exaggeration? Think again. The signs are all around us. The Internet is changing how we work and live. Digital satellite television is the hottest consumer electronics product in history. Competition is coming to local telephone and cable television service. The FCC has raised 20 *billion* dollars from spectrum auctions, and vote-hungry politicians are promising tax cuts paid for by even *bigger* auctions. More billions are being invested in digital personal communications and broadcasting services.

These and other new telecommunications services can improve our quality of life, but the mad race to bring them to market is creating tremendous pressures and uncertainties for incumbent users of the radio spectrum -- and Amateur Radio is not immune.

Consider our microwave bands. For decades we have shared them with national defense uses. It was a good match: military systems could tolerate some interference because they were designed to work in a hostile environment, while we could tailor our activity around theirs and could even shut down if required. But in recent years, politicians have been forcing the military to turn over a lot of spectrum for commercial use -- including some that we amateurs have been sharing. The mirage of "free money" from spectrum auctions increases the pressure.

Perhaps the microwaves aren't your cup of tea. You know you should, but maybe you don't much care what happens to the bands you don't use regularly. What about two meters? Until a few months ago, a grab for the most heavily used ham band -- the one that we, and the agencies we serve, rely on for so much of our emergency and public service communications -- seemed totally out of the question. Then, some folks decided they could make a buck from commercial exploitation of the simple low-Earth orbit satellites that *we* pioneered, if only they could get more spectrum for them -- and they thought the two-meter band was a suitable candidate for their "little LEOs"! Since May, as you have read in *QST*, we've been working hard to disabuse them of that notion.

Hundreds of ideas like the little LEOs are floating around. Their proponents want to put new technology to work to make the world a better place through improved communications, and to make a profit -- not necessarily in that order. Some of the ideas are good. Some are not. Some are pipe dreams; others may be nothing more than schemes to separate

gullible investors from their money. The government seems to have no interest in sorting out the good from the bad.

This is a very dangerous environment for Amateur Radio. Our contribution to the public interest is not measured by numbers of subscribers or their willingness to pay, or by the gullibility of investors. That would be contrary to the very definition of the Amateur Service.

Over the years, we have successfully protected our interests by being the good guys -- the quiet ones who are hardly noticed from day to day, but who come through when it counts. We're still the good guys, but we can't afford to be ignored -- and we have to shout to be heard above the din of a carnival atmosphere.

Unfortunately, this atmosphere is not confined to Washington. The little LEO issue has come up during preparations for the 1997 ITU World Radiocommunication Conference, WRC-97. Let's say we're successful in keeping the United States from proposing that two meters be allocated to little LEOs. Will that end the battle? Don't bet on it. *Any other country* can make a similar proposal and have it considered at the conference. We have to be ready. We have a lot of educating to do.

Which brings me to why I am writing to you today. Ever since its founding in 1914, the ARRL has been Amateur Radio's best hope for effective representation. We have a good team working for us in Washington, Geneva, and the other places where decisions are being made that affect our very existence. But we need to do more. We need to prepare not only for WRC-97, but for other challenges to come. And to do this effectively, we need your help.

You know that Amateur Radio needs the ARRL. That's one of the reasons you are a member. Now we must ask you to consider making a financial commitment above and beyond your membership dues, through a voluntary contribution to the Fund for the Defense of Amateur Radio Frequencies. The Fund, created by the ARRL Board of Directors, exists to finance our response to spectrum challenges. We will be drawing heavily from the Fund in the months and years to come.

Please be as generous as you can. The access to the radio spectrum that we enjoy as radio amateurs is a priceless national resource. If we lose it, we lose it forever. 73,

Sincerely,

David Sumner

David Sumner, K1ZZ
Executive Vice President

P.S. So you can let others know that you support the defense of Amateur Radio, we will send you an attractive and distinctive lapel pin in recognition of any contribution of $50 or more. To recognize contributions of $100 or more, we will also send a specially designed coffee mug. You will be proud to display them both.

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MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN

5608 Edgewater Dr.
Cedarburg, Wi.,
53012

Dear Dave:

On behalf of the MRAC, I would like to thank you for bringing the old information to my attention, as it is very interesting as well as being historical. I have a large group of QSL's from the same period, and they fit in very nicely.

I'm sure that persons such as John Scarvaci (W9GIL), Fred Krause, (W9VLK), Bill Brossman, (W9EQP), and Travis Baird, (W9VQD) will recognize some of the names, but mebbe not some of the faces, as they are all pretty young in the early 20's.

They sure are were eager beavers, as witness the calls and entries in the log pages, and some of the cut-outs from the Milwaukee paper are very interesting.

I am turning the material over to Jim Tromblay for use and storage as he is is our Group Historian and provides storage for historic (antiques?), as well as collecting material for his keeping.

The club would like to encourage the use of some of its literary reading material, with an eye not only in learning first hand about early communication, but to discover band frequencies, and equipment problems encountered in early amateur work.

Your turning the material over to the club is much appreciated Dave, and we all wish you a happy new year!

Cordially,

FRED A. LINN
Secretary

January 13, 1996

cc: E. Wille, Pres.
J. Tromblay, Historian

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PO Box 25707, Milwaukee, Wi. 53225-25707

QCWA MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND
159 E. 16th AVE.
Eugene, Oregon, 57401

January 3,1996

Attention: Jim Walsh, General Manager

Dear Sir:

Enclosed please find a check from the MILWAUKEE RADIO AMATEURS' CLUB in the amount of $250.00 for the QCWA MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND.

This contribution is given in memory of our long time member, mentor and friend J. TRAVIS BAIRD, W9VQD who became a Silent Key on January 24th. 1996 at the age of 82.

Travis joined our club in 1932 and over his many years as a member served either as a Director or had held every officer position including that of President, several times. However the one he seemed to enjoy the most was as auctioneer for the Club's Annual "What You See Is What You Get Auction!"

We know this gift is a small part of the funding necessary to further studies for any student but feel this is where Travis would have wanted it be sent as he was a long time member of QCWA. Again this is in line with his life-long habit of helping people in all phases of life, especially relating to Ham Radio.

For our records, your acknowledgement of the contribution will be appreciated.

73's

ED WILLE, W9PWG, President MRAC

cc:Ken Eggert. W9MOT, Treasurer

Ed:

The address to which contributions to the QCWA Memorial Scholarship fund should be sent is as follows:

QCWA Memorial Scholarship Fund
Jim Walsh, General manager
159 E. 16th Ave., Eugene, Or.
97401-4027

This is the business office, and Jim will see that the donation reaches the right party for accounting.

73,

Fred

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Cedarburg. Wi.,
53012

Quarter Century Wireless Assoc.
159 E. 16th Ave, Eugene, Or.
97401-4017

Gentlemen:
This will notify you of the passing of TRAVIS BAIRD, W9VQD, on Jan. 24th, 1996, at his home in Milwaukee, Wi. Travis had been ill for some time with complications from a stroke,and was resting at home after release from the hospital.

He was a 50 year member of ARRL, was very active in QCWA, as a past Director, and was a long time member of NAVY MARS, as NNNOENB

He was a long-time member of the Milwaukee Radio Amateurs Club, having been active since 1932, and had participated in organizing ARRL conventions in Miwlaukee.

I am enclosing a copy of his obituary from the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel as insurance against any confusion.

73,

Jan. 26, 1996

FRED A. LINN
Secretary

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NAVY MARS-WISCONSIN
Richard Michel, NNN0UXM/GCE8
Beaver Dam, Wi.

Richard:

This will notify you of the passing of Travis Baird,NNN0ENB/W9VQD on Jan. 24th, 1996, at his home in Milwaukee, Wi. Travis had been ill for some time with complications from a stroke and was resting at home after being released from the hospital.

He was a 50 year member of ARRL, was very active in QCWA as a past Director, and was a long-time member of NAVY MARS. He has not been able to particiate in MARS for a long time, due conditions following his first stroke, but was able to monitor from time-to-time.

He was a 60 year member of the Milwaukee Radio Amateurs Club, and had been active in that organization until 2 years ago.He was very active in Milwaukee in the 1950-60 period, assisting in the organization of an ARRL convention in the city.

I am enclosing a copy of his obituary from the Journal/Sentinel,as insurance against any confusion.

I need information on where to to dispose of MARS property, as we have been cleaning up his rado affairs over the last 6 months, and have assembled quite a pile!

Thanks, Dick, for any help you can give-a simple telephone No. will suffice, and I will take care of the rest.

Cordially,

FRED A.LINN
NNNOBUQ/W9NZF

Jan. 26, 1996
414-377-3280